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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number: 10/701,660  
Applicants: William I. Stopperan and Troy M. Bryan  
Filed: November 4, 2003  
Title: Novel Identification Method and Apparatus  
TC/A.U.: 2876  
Examiner: Edwyn Labaze  
Assignee: Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.  
Attorney Docket: WPCI-Nonprov  
Customer No.: 33549

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

On behalf of the assignee, the undersigned attorney hereby requests an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). This request is submitted in relation to a response due to the office action mailed October 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of three months. A response to this action would otherwise be due January 6, 2007; however, it is requested that this time period be extended for one month to and including February 6, 2007. This extension will thereby encompass a portion of the statutory period of six months pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §133. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17, an extension fee of \$60.00 is submitted with this Petition. In the event the fee has been inappropriately calculated, please allow the maximum extension possible and inform me at your earliest convenience so that any deficiency or error can be corrected immediately.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
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